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National Park Service, Catoctin Mountain Park begins work on Recovery Act Projects

Thurmont, MD – Work has begun on one American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project in Catoctin Mountain Park (CATO) and will soon begin on a second. ARRA is funding major projects at CATO to improve the park infrastructure, rehabilitate critical facilities to extend their useful life, and enhance the visitors' park experience. These projects are part of a \$750 million investment in nearly 800 projects throughout the National Park Service that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced in late April.

The W.F. Delauter & Son, Inc. of Emmitsburg, MD began work last week to replace or relocate eighteen fire hydrants in cabin camps throughout the park. The goal of this project is to improve fire suppression capabilities as well as increase visitor safety and facility protection. Total cost of the project is \$80,220. The scheduled completion date is January 2010.

In December 2009, CATO will begin work on an \$870,000 ARRA project, awarded to Dvorak, LLC of Baltimore, MD to replace failing sections of the underground electrical distribution system on the west side of the park. The goal of this project is to reduce the number of power outages in visitor use areas caused by obsolete underground electric cable. Electrical power distribution will be made more efficient within this section of the park. The scheduled completion date for this project is summer 2010.

More information about the Recovery Act projects and the Department of the Interior is at www.interior.gov/recovery/nps and on the recovery web site at http://recovery.doi.gov/docs/nps/nps_state_projects.pdf.

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